

was heard from Paul R. Pillar, former National Intelligence Officer for the Near East and South Asia; and public witnesses.

### HELPING FAMILIES SAVE THEIR HOMES ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1106, Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009. The rule provides that amendment number 1 printed in House report 111–21 to be offered by Representative John Conyers or his designee shall be perfected by the modification printed in the report of the Committee on Rules.

### 21st CENTURY WATER PLANNING

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on 21st Century Water Planning: the Importance of a Coordinated Federal Approach. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CURRENT ECONOMY—STATE OF RENEWABLE FUELS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “The State of the Renewable Fuels Industry in the Current Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 1262 “Water Quality Investment Act of 2009.”

### VA LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 147, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans; H.R. 228, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; H.R. 297, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 466, Wounded Veteran Job Security Act; H.R. 929, To amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program of training to provide eligible veterans with skills relevant to the job market; H.R. 942, Veterans Self-Employment Act of 2009; H.R. 950, To amend chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, to increase educational assistance for certain veterans pursuing a program of education offered through distance learn-

ing; H.R. 1088, Mandatory Veterans Specialist Training Act of 2009; H.R. 1089, Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act of 2009; and other draft legislation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doggett, Israel, Welch, and Alexander; Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patrick H. Boulay, Chief, USERRA Unit, U.S. Office of Special Counsel; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

### PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET OVERVIEW

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Concluded hearings on the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Pete R. Orszag, Director, OMB.

### PREPARING FOR COPENHAGEN: HOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

*Select Committee on Energy Independence:* Held a hearing entitled “Preparing for Copenhagen: How Developing Countries Are Fighting Climate Change.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine American International Group, focusing on government intervention and implications for future regulation, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine draft legislative proposals on energy research and development, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States strategy regarding Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded

coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 256, to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine, and the nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, and David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Science Education, 10 a.m., and on Where Are We Today: Today's Assessment of "The Gathering Storm," 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Defense, executive, on Global Mobility, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on The Role of Civilian and Military Agencies in the Advancement of America's Diplomatic and Development Objectives, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on combating piracy on the high seas, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Can DOD Travelers Book a Trip? Defense Travel System Update, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Consumer Protection in the Used and Subprime Car Market, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the role of offsets in climate legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enter-

prises, hearing entitled "Perspectives on Systemic Risk," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on the Role for Congress and the President in War: The Recommendations of the National War Powers Commission, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Putting People First: A Way Forward for the Homeland Security Workforce," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, to adopt Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration bills; Adopt rules of Procedure for Private Claims bills; Continue the Subcommittee's Policy on the Granting of Federal Charters; and to request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of certain private Immigration bills 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing entitled "Energy Outlooks, and the Role of Federal Onshore and Offshore Resources in Meeting Future Energy Demand," 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on Status of 2010 Census Operations, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Cost Management Issues in NASA's Acquisitions and Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 915, FAA Reauthorization Act; and 1262, Water Quality Investment Act, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive briefing entitled "Hot Spots Update," 1 p.m. H-304 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.